



# Update: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Street Improvements

February 23, 2004

## Project Goals

- Create a pedestrian-friendly street
- Provide a safe, attractive, public environment
- Balance the use of the street among pedestrians, vehicles, and transit

## The Design

The City of Seattle worked with the community to develop a conceptual plan for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 112<sup>th</sup> Street. The work is documented in the **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan Final Report**, April 2002.

## Phase One

SDOT has reached 30% completion of the engineered designs for Phase One. This phase includes the following items on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from Northgate Way to NE 105<sup>th</sup> Street:

- **Curbs, gutters and wider sidewalks**
- **Pedestrian promenade and improved crosswalks** connecting the Library and Community Center with Northgate Mall
- Three **street medians**
- **Street trees** in medians and along the sidewalk
- **Environmental assessment**, preliminary **drainage study** and **pedestrian street-lighting study** for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 112<sup>th</sup> Street for Phase One and future phases.

## Project Schedule

The project will progress in tandem with work done on the library and community center.

Summer 2004—60% design

Fall 2004—complete design

Summer 2005—begin construction

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5thavene.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/5thavene.htm)**

Fall 2005—complete construction

## Community Involvement

The City of Seattle developed the **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan** as a result of extensive community involvement in 2000 and 2001.

SDOT is now coordinating community outreach with the library and park projects also located on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

- March 2003: Open House, Nathan Hale High School
- September 2003: Surveyed businesses regarding best ways to keep them informed
- November 5, 2003: Open House, Olympic View Elementary School
- February 23, 2004 Open House, Olympic View Elementary School

SDOT will continue to work with the community throughout the project, including holding additional public meetings.

**To schedule a presentation** regarding 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE street improvements for your community organization, call Teresa Platt, Project Manager, Seattle Department of Transportation, (206) 684-3507.

**To sign up for e-mail updates** about 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE improvements and about planning for an improved transportation system for Northgate, visit the following web site:  
[www.seattle.gov/transportation/5thavene.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/5thavene.htm)



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## In the long term...

SDOT will continue to look for funding to complete implementation of the **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Streetscape Design Plan** from NE 100<sup>th</sup> Street to NE 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Northgate Transportation Plan

Under Mayor Nickels' leadership, SDOT is evaluating existing and future transportation needs in the Northgate area.

Called the Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP), it will recommend a long-term vision for an improved transportation system.

The study will include transportation by foot, bicycles, transit and vehicles, as well freight transport. Programs such as the Monorail and Sound Transit will be included.

The study will recommend transportation improvement projects, and assign priorities.

The City will hire a consultant and begin work by March 2004. The community will participate in developing and reviewing the plan, to be completed within one year.

To learn more, visit the following web site: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/nctip.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/nctip.htm)